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DAR ES SALAAM FOR AMBASSADOR CORRIGAN

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SUBJ: GERMAN AND ISRAELI EMBASSY SECURITY CONCERNS

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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING WHAT HE CONSIDERED SUSPICIOUS VISIT TO FRG EMBASSY BY LEBANESE NATIONAL, GERMAN AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED RWANDAN POLICE GUARD FOR FRG CHANCERY AND RESIDENCES. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR PLANS MAKE SIMILAR REQUEST. THIS EMBASSY, WHILE TAKING INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES, HAS DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT REQUEST SPECIAL RWANDAN POLICE PROTECTION AT THIS TIME. END SUMMARY.

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2. FRG EMBASSY VISITED APRIL 5 BY MAN ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD BEARING LEBANESE PASSPORT. VISITOR INQUIRED WITH GERMAN CONSULAR OFFICER ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING VISA TO MADAGASCAR. CONSULAR OFFICER EXAMINED VISITOR'S PASSPORT AND DISCOVERED IT CONTAINED VALID MADAGASCAR VISA. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THIS FACT, VISITOR BECAME ANNOYED AND SAID HE WOULD TAKE HIS REQUEST TO "AUSTRIAN" EMBASSY (THERE IS NO AUSTRIAN EMBASSY IN KIGALI).

3. ALTHOUGH MOST GERMAN EMOFFS INCLINED TO BELIEVE LEBANESE VISITOR'S QUESTIONS TOO IMPLAUSIBLE TO BE OF SERIOUS CONCERN, GERMAN AMBASSADOR BECAME ALARMED OVER SITUATION. AMBASSADOR RECALLED RECEIPT BY ISRAELI EMBASSY EARLIER THIS YEAR OF LETTER BOMB (REFTEL) AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT LEBANESE MAY HAVE BEEN ON RECONNAISSANCE MISSION TO STUDY SECURITY SITUATION IN GERMAN EMBASSY. UNFORTUNATELY GERMANS DID NOT TAKE DOWN NAME OR OTHER PARTICULARS OF LEBANESE VISITOR. GERMANS ASKED GOR TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE LEBANESE, BUT SO FAR NO INFO ON WHEREABOUTS UNCOVERED. GERMANS BELIEVE HE HAS PROBABLY LEFT KIGALI.

4. GERMAN EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED FROM GOR POLICE PROTECTION FOR CHANCERY AND RESIDENCES. RWANDANS HAVE INDICATED THAT PROTECTION CAN ONLY BE TEMPORARY BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE POLICE OFFICERS AND THEY NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION PROVIDE SAME SERVICE FOR ALL EMBASSIES.

5. THIS EMBASSY HAS ALSO DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR WHO, WHILE ADMITTING THAT FRG AMBASSADOR MAY HAVE EXAGGERATED EPISODE, SAID HE PLANNED TO REQUEST SIMILAR POLICE PROTECTION NEVERTHELESS. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR ALSO NOTED POSSIBLY SUSPICIOUS VISIT TO KIGALI LAST WEEK OF SEVERAL YOUNG JAPANESE, WHO DEPARTED APRIL 8 FOR CAIRO. BELGIAN AND OTHER EMBASSIES HERE NOT REPEAT NOT REQUESTING PROTECTION.
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6. AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW OF SITUATION AND DISCUSSIONS WITH RWANDAN SECURITY OFFICIALS, THIS EMBASSY HAS DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT REQUEST SPECIAL POLICE GUARD AT THIS TIME. WE ARE, HOWEVER, INSTALLING REINFORCED DOOR BETWEEN RECEPTION AREA AND EMBASSY OFFICES. PROXIMITY (300 FEET) OF RWANDAN NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS TO EMBASSY WOULD MAKE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO US ON SHORT NOTICE. EMBASSY HAS OFFERED TO PROVIDE INFO ON BLACK SEPTEMBER OPERATIONS (DRAWING ON STATE TEL 55768) TO RWANDAN SECURITY OFFICIALS. WE WILL CLOSELY MONITOR LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH RWANDAN AUTHORITIES AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. SHOSTAL

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